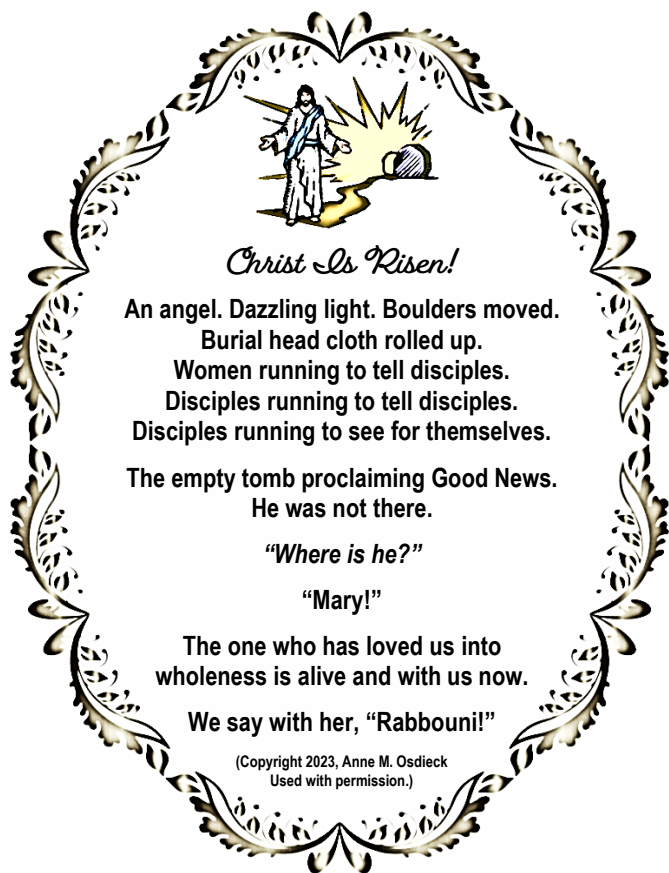


# April 9 – Easter Sunday



## With Mouths Wide Open

We normally speak of “eyes wide open,” an experience of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouths wide open and not understanding. Even the closest followers of Jesus were dumbfounded. Mary Magdalene didn’t expect to find an empty tomb. Upon seeing it, she presumed that the body had been stolen. The Gospel says that “they did not yet understand” (John 20:9). How could they? The magnitude of the mystery was overwhelming.

When did they finally understand? Actually, it’s more a question of believing than understanding. The Gospel tells us they came to believe. They came to believe in him—not that he would conquer death by not dying, but that he would conquer it by dying and then being transformed into a new kind of life, a kind of living that isn’t subject to death. They came to believe this through an experience of him.

We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But if we look carefully, we will see that they experienced him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus’ resurrection isn’t just that we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us. (Sr. Dianne Bergant)

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 9 – Timothy Walke  
April 16 – Leonard and Lorene Brancamp  
April 23 – Robert Freeman

## MASS INTENTIONS

April 8 – Delmar and Evelyn Fry  
April 9 – Cletus Wagner  
April 15 – Don Wilmer  
April 16 – Dennis Schwering

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – April 15 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Allie Harmeyer, Ava Wagner  
*Lector:* Tara Johannigman  
*Gifts:* Mark and Rosie Lunsford  
*EM:* Terry Harmeyer (*Hall*), Rita Kress, Janet Wagner

### Sunday – April 16 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* David Hardesty, Grace Truesdell  
*Gifts:* Greg and Amy Kinker  
*EM:* Dana Newhart (*Hall*), Amanda Schutte, Scott Simon

### Saturday – April 22 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Morgan Busch, Ella Wagner  
*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff  
*Gifts:* Ken and Terry Harmeyer  
*EM:* Roseann Wirth (*Hall*), Beth Simon, Judy Steuri

### Sunday – April 23 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Susan Schutte, Cindy Weisenbach  
*Gifts:* Paul and Arlene Gehl  
*EM:* Vicki Wagner (*Hall*), Katie Spreckelson, Leslie Hicks

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$4098.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 15.25
Loose Collection	\$ 342.00
Total Regular Collection	\$4455.25
Capital Improvement	\$145.00
Easter Flowers	\$387.00
Cemetery	\$500.00
Easter Donation	\$20.00
Pick Pocket	\$270.08

**HE HAS TRULY RISEN! ALLELUIA!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY GIFTS!**

*"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."  
~ Clarence W. Hall*

**RESURRECTION** – The Resurrection does not solve our problems about dying and death. It is not the happy ending to our life's struggle, nor is it the big surprise that God has kept in store for us. No, the resurrection is the expression of God's faithfulness to Jesus and to all God's children. Through the resurrection, God has said to Jesus, "You are indeed my beloved Son, and my love is everlasting," and to us God has said, "You are indeed my beloved children, and my love is everlasting." The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. ~ Fr. Henri Nouwen

**TOGETHER IN HIS LOVE** – "If we are to know God, then we must learn together, travel together, pray together, and support one another. We go home together, or we don't go at all. *We are part of one another.* We are called to listen, to hear together, so that we can turn to others and provide affirmation, confirmation, and encouragement. Clarity, steadfastness, obedience, and strength come from unity, from community" (Megan McKenna). Let us continue to celebrate the *gift of togetherness*.

**PICK POCKETS** – Once again we give thanks to our Pick Pocketers who raised **\$270.08** for the Ripley County Food Pantry! To Ava, Ella, and Layne Wagner, and to Alan, Lee, and Anna Huff, we say "thank you" for raising this money.

**SPRING SMORGASBORD** – Ladies, if you have not heard from your committee chairlady by this weekend, please see or call Judy or Susan! Have you signed up to help work?

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – Thank you to our Faith Formation Committee and Youth Ministry for bringing our young children together for the Easter Egg Hunt!

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED** – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 6:45 PM, for class. Last night for pennies to be brought in.

**JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, April 16, 8:30 AM.

#### **4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

April 15 – Eric Busch, Steve Gilland  
April 22 – Ken Harmeyer, Gary Wagner  
April 29 – Paul Simon, Ken Hellmich

#### **10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**

April 16 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide  
April 23 – Kevin Tunny, Steve Wagner  
April 30 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

**CEMETERY FENCING** – At a special meeting of the Parish Council on March 28, members voted unanimously to the placement of a 300-foot white vinyl fence on the west side of the cemetery. The first section will be 4 feet, and the next section will gradually transition to 5 feet.

Thank you to all the parishioners who offered comments or suggestions for this project. If anyone would like to donate to this project, your gifts will be gratefully received. The cost of this project will be **\$10,600.00**.

**GRADUATION MASS** – Mass recognizing our senior graduates, Cassidy Harmeyer, Nick Miller, and Clare Spreckelson, will be on May 14, Mother's Day. We normally have it the following weekend, but we have a missionary priest coming that weekend. If there are any other seniors from St. Maurice who are graduating, please inform us by calling the parish office.







**BE MY DISCIPLE** – Most of us know the basics of being Catholic: attend Mass, recite your prayers, etc. But what does it mean to have a personal, disciple relationship with Jesus? You are invited to attend Ken Ogorek's talk on April 30, 5:00 PM, at St. Mary's, Greensburg, called "Be My Disciples. How Do I Know if I am Answering His Call?" Ken has served in diocesan faith formation ministry for over 25 years.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – On a trip to Italy, a little girl accompanied her parents to St. Peter's Basilica, the world's second largest church.

The tour guide explained, "This church is so large that no one on earth could hit a baseball from one end to the other – not Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, or Miguel Cabrera."

"You mean," the girl asked, "they actually let them hit baseballs in here?" (via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b> 4:00 PM  <b>Pick Pockets</b>  <b>Blood Pressure</b> <b>Checks</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
RE Classes - 8:30 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Pick Pockets BP Checks NO Donuts & Coffee Practice for Passion Play - 11:00 AM			RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM   <b>Passion Play</b> 7:00 PM in Hall	 <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Mass at 6:00 PM	 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Service at 4:00 PM	 <b>Holy Saturday</b> Mass at 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 <i>Happy Easter</i> <i>The Lord is Risen!</i> Mass - 10:00 AM NO Donuts & Coffee			RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM  Smorgasbord 4:00 - 6:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM  <b>DIVINE MERCY</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> Mass - 10:00 AM  Donuts & Coffee		Hall Rented: Napoleon State Bank	RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM  Pennies Party	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM  <b>THIRD SUNDAY</b> <b>OF EASTER</b> Mass - 10:00 AM  Donuts & Coffee		Feast of St. Mark	RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM (Fr. Dan Bedel - Celebrant)
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RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF EASTER</b> Mass - 10:00 AM (Fr. Dan Bedel - Celebrant)				<b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</b>   <b>For a culture of peace and non-violence:</b> We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.		